

**Delaware Department of Transportation  
Division of Transportation Solutions  
Design Guidance Memorandum**

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| 1. Road Design Manual | 2. Bridge Design Manual    | 3. Utilities Design Manual       |
| 4. Real Estate Manual | 5. Standard Specifications | 6. Standard Construction Details |

Title: Corrugated Polyethylene Pipe Effective date: 5/23/2005

Sections to Implement:

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**I. Purpose**

To give guidance on locations for the use of corrugated polyethylene pipe for drainage.

**II. Design Guidance**

Corrugated polyethylene pipe (commonly known as HDPE pipe) can be used under pavement for all local and subdivision roads (including cross road pipes). For roads of other functional classifications, it can not be used under the traveled way unless it has approval from an assistant director. The functional classification of roads shall be as defined in DelDOT's Road Design Manual and Functional Classification maps for each county.

For cover requirements during and after construction, please see the DelDOT specifications.

**III. Justification**

Polyethylene pipe can be used for drainage under roads when installed correctly per DelDOT and manufacturer specifications with the proper cover. Its use can be economically beneficial for smaller pipes due to its ease of handling during construction.

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